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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 6, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows under the provisions of 37 C.F.R §1.116.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.